



# NEWSLETTER

## 8 - 2016

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2016

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Term 1 finishes today and although only of 8 weeks duration, much has been achieved. Our enrolment has increased from 450 at the end of 2015 to clocking over to 500 students just today!!! Unexpected enrolments after the beginning of the year obviously impact the arrangements for room allocation, class sizes and staffing. Some enrolments may not be able to be known in the previous year, but some occur due to people waiting until the new school year before contacting the school. If you know of families who will have a school age child in 2017, or who may be moving into the area requiring their existing children transferring in 2017, please encourage them to contact the school anytime from the commencement of Term 2, so that we can organize a tour of the school and enrolment documentation.

We have conducted election for our 2016 school council and held the Annual General meeting, presenting the annual report of 2015 to the school community. We have conducted election of student leaders including school captains, sporting house captains, Student Representative Council and a variety of other student leaders. New members have joined our Parents and Friends association and many parents have volunteered their time and skills as parent helpers in the classroom. Others have assisted the school by giving their opinions for our new mission, vision and values at Kurunjang Primary School.

Parents and Carers attended our Learning Together interviews and have worked with their child/ren's class teacher/s to ensure they are informed about their child/ren's learning at school. It was great to see so many attend our Family Fun Night, having a picnic tea (albeit inside due to the weather) and joining in with the kids in a variety of activities. It is great to see an increased number of parents attending assembly on Monday mornings. If you have a child in Foundation, Year 1 or 2 I hope you were able to join us this morning at 9.00am to see our Easter hat parade. The creativity of the children in designing a hat with its accompanying learning has been impressive.

There has been extensive assessment during the term and the staff have consistently analysed the data every week and celebrated the growth of the children in literacy and numeracy. Tomorrow is a curriculum day and staff will be involved in the first of 4 days in training in the Berry St Education Model. We will keep you informed about the components within the model which will complement our work with Positive Behaviour Support (PBS), Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) and our core curriculum in Literacy and Numeracy. Please ask your child/ren's teacher about our direction for improving student outcomes.

We have included again this week, information regarding the Koorie BBQ being held tomorrow at 2.30 in the Melton Botanic Gardens. We hope that as many of our Koorie families who are able will attend. The next day is Good Friday. I hope that all families enjoy the Easter period and the 2 weeks school holidays safely. Second Term commences on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April when we look forward to seeing our wonderful children back at school, excited about their new learning.

~ Learning Together ~

### FORWARD PLANNING

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March

- CURRICULUM DAY ~ Students not at school

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April

- FIRST DAY TERM 2 ~ Classes Begin 8.50am

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June

- CURRICULUM DAY ~ Students not at school

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> August

- CURRICULUM DAY ~ Students not at school

### WEDNESDAY'S MULTICULTURAL PLAYGROUP AT KPS ~ 9am – 11am

Children 0-5 years are offered the opportunity to join **free music and movement classes** as part of the Wednesday Playgroup with VICSEG and the Song Room.

Resumes Term 2 ~ 13<sup>th</sup> April

### PLAYGROUP AT KPS ~ FRIDAY'S 9-11AM

New members welcome with children from 0-5yrs. Come along and meet new people while your child learns through play experiences.

Resumes Term 2 ~ 15<sup>th</sup> April

New members welcome. For further information on either playgroup please contact Kathleen McInnes on 9743 0633.

### PFA NEWS



If you would like to assist the PFA in any way please leave your details at the office or contact Susan Butt on 0477 500 848.



### MELTON COMMUNITY BBQ

Western VACCA (based in Werribee) is holding a Community BBQ for Aboriginal Children and their families at the Melton Botanic Gardens.



Please come and meet the Western VACCA staff and each other on

TIME: 2.30 PM

WHERE: 21 Williams St, Melton (Lakewood Boulevard entrance)

WHEN: Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March at 2.30pm at

There will be Cultural dancers, Music and Art Activities for the Children.

For enquiries please contact Jarara or Rylah at the Western VACCA office on 9743 9200



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